

**CHAPTER NO. 463**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1731**

**By Ford**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 1559**

**By Brooks, Towns, Brenda Turner, Brown, Stanley**

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 6, relative to safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) (1) Any person transporting a child under four (4) years of age in a motor vehicle upon a road, street or highway of Tennessee is responsible for providing for the protection of the child and properly using a child passenger restraint system meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards. Nothing in this subsection restricts a mother from removing the child from the restraint system and holding the child when the mother is nursing the child.

(2) Any person transporting a child, between four (4) and eight (8) years of age who weighs less than forty (40) pounds, in a motor vehicle upon a road, street or highway of Tennessee is responsible for providing for the protection of the child and properly using a separate carrier, an integrated child seat or a belt-positioning booster seat.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(g), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and by substituting instead the following:


(1) Any person transporting any child, between four (4) and eight (8) years of age who weighs forty (40) pounds or more, or any child, between eight (8) and fifteen (15) years of age, in a passenger motor vehicle upon a road, street or highway of Tennessee is responsible for the protection of the child and properly using a passenger restraint system, including safety belts, meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: July 11, 2001



JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2001



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